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MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

Morning Meeting of 24 May 1966

25X1              ☐ of ONE briefed on Nasser, the UAR, and Arab nationalism. FitzGerald noted his dissent since he did not believe sufficient emphasis was put on the possibility that the Soviets, either through the UAR or directly, would beef up the Communist Party in the area.

R. Jack Smith noted that a briefing will be presented to the Director at 11:15 today on the Soviet interest in Plowshare developments. It was agreed that this would be held in the DCI Conference Room and attendance was open. In this connection, Kent reported that various AEC members had expressed great interest in this program and wanted it highlighted in the Estimate on Soviet Nuclear Developments.

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Godfrey noted an outgoing State instruction to the Embassy in Warsaw 25X1
regarding the next meeting with Wang on the question of the U.S. shootdown
of the MIG over China. ☐

Kent gave the DCI a copy of an editorial which appeared in the   25X1
Los Angeles Times on 3 May concerning scholars within CIA.

deSilva noted that he had been well received at the meeting at Harvard yesterday.

Houston reported that the Agency will assist Congressman Wright Patman's group on a paper on the Chinese Communist economy. He stated that the Senate had reported out the pay bill, this version being close to the House one. He expects that Congressman Rivers' Committee will be briefed next week. He noted that the McCarthy resolution on the Agency was causing quite a stir on the Hill.

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Bross reported on his conversations with General Carroll yesterday which included a discussion of the CIP review and the expanding problem of mounting costs. Both the DCI and the DDCI expressed their concern in these matters and asked Bross for his recommendations.

Wheelon noted that the CORONA shot had gone off successfully yesterday. 25X1

Executive Director noted receipt of a memorandum from the President on further reductions in employment and travel as concerns the 1967 budget.

With the suit of the Agency by ⎯⎯⎯⎯⎯⎯⎯⎯ as a background, 25X1 the DDCI urged that great care be given to spotting these problems before they get in the newspapers or courts. This would include employees who leave the Agency with a grudge, or applicants who were disturbed when they were not accepted for Agency employment.

The DCI agreed with Mr. Helms' expression and noted that he himself would take a personal interest in these cases if it was deemed necessary and/or appropriate.

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